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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 1795

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SUBJ: ALGERIAN DELEGATION TO WORLD POPULATION
CONFERENCE (WPC)

REF: STATE 161933

1. ALGERIAN DELEGATION TO WPC AS FOLLOWS: (A) KAMEL ABDULLAH-KHODJA, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PLANNING (MINISTERIAL RANK IN ALGERIA); (B) ALI OUBOUZAR, DIRECTOR OF STATISTICS, MINISTRY OF STATE FOR PLANNING; (C) MRS. HANIA SEMICHI, DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; (D) AHMED BAHRI, MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. (E) ABDERRAHMANE REMILI, MINISTRY OF STATE FOR PLANNING; (F) GOURARI NAGADI, MINISTRY OF STATE FOR PLANNING. (G) MOHAMED MEHENNI, PROFESSOR OF DEMOGRAPHY AT UNIVERSITY OF ALGIERS AND ADVISOR TO NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL; (H) DR. DJILALI BELKHENCHIR, MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

2. HEAD OF DELEGATION KAMEL ABDULLAH-KHODJA IS HIGHLY REGARDED YOUNG TECHNOCRAT WHOSE PRINCIPAL TASK IN RECENT MONTHS HAS BEEN TO PREPARE 1974-77 FOUR YEAR PLAN. BORN
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IN 1933 AND EDUCATED IN FRANCE (DEGREES IN LAW AND

ECONOMIC SCIENCES)), HE WORKED IN MOROCCAN NATIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION BEFORE RETURNING TO ALGIERS AFTER INDEPENDENCE. FOR PAST TWELVE YEARS HE HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY INVOLVED IN ALGERIAN PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ATTAINED HIS PRESENT MINISTERIAL RANK IN JULY 1970.

3. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, ALGERIA IS ATTENDING CONFERENCE PRIMARILY FOR OBSERVATION. WITH REGARD TO POPULATION PLANNING, HE SAID, ALGERIA'S PREFERENCE HAS BEEN TO ATTACK PROBLEM INDIRECTLY, THROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RAISING STANDARDS OF LIVING WHICH WILL IN TURN LOWER BIRTH RATE.

4. POPULATION GROWTH IN ITS VARIOUS RAMIFICATIONS, HOWEVER, IS OF VITAL CONCERN TO ALGERIA'S LEADERS AND IMPORTANCE OF ALGERIAN DELEGATION TO WPC ATTESTS TO THEIR INTEREST IN IT. SIMPSON

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